

INFORMATION for all persons of good will toward Almighty God, RELIGION is a snare and a racket. GOD'S TRUTH shields and strengthens the upright.

KINGDOM NEWS

... the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, ... of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. ... The zeal of JEHOVAH of hosts will perform this.—Isaiah 9:6, 7.

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RELIGIONISTS DEVISE MISCHIEF TO DESTROY CHRISTIANS

The age-long controversy between religionists and the witnesses of Jehovah God rages more furiously today than ever before in the courts, the press and the public forum. Bible history records the mischief devised by religionists to destroy God's faithful witnesses from Abel to the present day, including Jesus "the faithful and true witness." The issue has ever been the supremacy of God's law, as laid down in the Bible and published by his witnesses. The divine purposes of the Most High are found solely in the Bible, which the British people have always recognized as their most treasured possession.

In all ages the champions of God's law, Jehovah's witnesses, have exposed the duplicity of religionists who have never had justification to do them hurt. Through the corridors of time such a stand for truth, justice and righteousness has been maintained by God's servants even at the cost of their innocent lives. The evidence here submitted reveals the same spirit of maliciousness moving the religionists today by which they seek to bolster up their crumbling edifice. This they do at the expense of humble Christian men and women who faithfully witness to Jehovah's purposes

and render comfort to those who mourn because of religious hypocrisy prevailing in the land. Religion based on the theories and traditions of men has ever warred against truth. Religion's doom is at hand.

"Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city (organized religion today foreshadowed by unfaithful Jerusalem). She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God. Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. Therefore, wait ye upon me saith the Lord until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy." *Zeph. 3:1, 2, 4, 8.* "What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." *Nahum 1:9.*

Thus full retributive justice at the hand of Almighty God is near. Righteousness and true Christianity will triumph forever to the vindication of Jehovah's name.

On Sundays, July 14th and 21st, the "Empire News" published attacks on Jehovah's witnesses. These attacks were feature articles written by one Bernard O'Donnell. Following is the reply sent by the WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY on behalf of Jehovah's witnesses in answer to this devised mischief to bring hurt upon God's servants.

To The Editor, July 19, 1940.
"Empire News,"
Manchester.
Sir,

In your edition of Sunday, 14th July, you featured an article, "Britain The Two-Horned Beast," by Bernard O'Donnell.

The writer advocates a keener police watch of Jehovah's witnesses whom he says 'would provide a happy hunting ground for subversive propaganda.' This cunningly worded article thoroughly misrepresents Jehovah's witnesses and the work of the WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, and definitely tries to lead your public to believe that they are subversive to the interests of the state. To this mischievous suggestion we are certainly entitled to a correction in your next Sunday's issue.

Most definitely Jehovah's witnesses are not subversive nor are enemies of the state. Jehovah's witnesses are servants of the Most High God having consecrated their lives to the service

of Christ's kingdom, the only hope for the world. They follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and in accordance to John 17:16 'they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.' Their precedent of neutrality was set by the Lord himself and it precludes Jehovah's witnesses from engaging in politics and from undertaking propaganda. They serve no man but worship God in spirit and in truth. They are peaceful, loyal, law-abiding citizens of the state. They will obey every law of the land that does not conflict with God's divine law. They staunchly uphold the Christian principle 'render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's (the state) and to God the things that are God's.' Mark 12:17. It is impossible for the subversive activity which your contributor suggests to creep into the work of this Society.

The WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY has been established and engaged in its Christian work in this land for more than fifty years. The Society still holds firm to its original purpose and doctrines and this long before Nazism was ever dreamt of. The work of the Society today as it has been for decades is that of visiting the people of good will in their homes, comforting such with the gospel message of true Christianity found solely in the Bible.

Bernard O'Donnell is evidently well posted in knowledge of the work of

witnessing to the kingdom of God now being given by Jehovah's witnesses. Their work is done openly—there is nothing secret about it; but O'Donnell does not produce a single instance which might be perverted into support for his insinuations. If he will make a more definite statement about subversive propaganda or activities we will immediately proceed to take action against him for libel.

Hitler and Nazism are strongly condemned by Jehovah's witnesses as enemies of true Christianity. For this reason thousands of their German associates have been suffering extreme hardship and even death in concentration camps for years because they refuse to recognize Hitler as their saviour. Bible prophecies clearly show that the Almighty God JEHOVAH will strike that evil power and all such hideousness to the dust and they will never rise again.

Bernard O'Donnell makes several inaccurate quotations from our publications, which quotations have been lifted out of their setting. He cites the one about the two-horned beast of Revelation, chapter 13. If he had read our publications on this matter he would know that the two-horned beast refers to the Anglo-American system of world control. This information was published in 1926 and then again in 1930 in our publication entitled *Light*, volumes I and II. There is not the

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slightest subversive material contained therein, rather a frank study of world conditions confirming the actual prophecy written in the Bible. Eager Bible students have watched these amazingly clear prophecies find their complete fulfilment in God's due time.

Why is it that Mr. O'Donnell does not dwell on the real burden of our Christian message instead of indulging in hateful misrepresentation? Why does he not report that we believe that these are the last days spoken of in the Scriptures when Christ's kingdom of righteousness is to be established? That Christ's kingdom is a Theocratic Government ruled from heaven? That in these last days the anti-Christ would rise to endeavour to thwart the establishment of this heavenly, perfect government? This opposing organization is also referred to as the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet (Matt. 24:15) which is the wicked totalitarian monstrosity now rising and aided and abetted by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy at Vatican City. We do not know of Mr. O'Donnell's religious association, but if he is Catholic under the domination of its hierarchy, it is easily understood why he failed to report the truth of our message and of our position.

During the past number of years the leaders of the Catholic Hierarchy in Britain have brought about all manner of persecution, slander and reproach upon Jehovah's witnesses. There seems to be no limit to the wicked tactics and evil designs, further their own political interests at the cost of others.

Many people of good will in Britain today are getting their eyes opened to the activities of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Events which have just transpired on the Continent obviously reveal Catholic treachery and intrigue enabling the Nazi demons to gain mastery of Europe. Can there any longer be any doubt as to who are the real Fifth Columnists, enemies of Britain and of all people who love freedom and righteousness?

The public might note that the London "Catholic Herald" published a leading editorial in its issue last Friday, July 12th, where it frankly says:

"It is not impossible, as the well-informed Diplomatic Correspondent of the 'Observer' suggested last Sunday, that something in the nature of a Latin-Catholic bloc, comprising France, Spain and Italy, may shape itself on the Continent. This bloc would endeavour to act on the Catholic populations of Germany and Austria in the hope at least of diminishing the influence of the anti-Christian elements in the Reich so that ultimately an anti-Bolshevik Christian-authoritarian bloc may be formed in Western Europe in opposition to the liberal-secularist-protestant-popular-front tendencies of Great Britain, America, Russia, and even Prussia."

Surely that is plain language.

So hereafter when anybody howls "Fifth Columnists," "subversive propaganda" with reference to Jehovah's witnesses let them look behind the smoke screen to find the real culprit. Jehovah's witnesses have no fear of man and know that they must suffi-

reproach and revilings even as their Master. But at the same time they will not hesitate to expose wickedness which exists in high religious places even as Jesus thoroughly exposed the clergy of his day where he said at Matthew 23:27, 28: "Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

In all fairness and justice we ask you to publish this statement that your readers may be correctly informed as to the work and stand of Jehovah's witnesses, who in deed are Christians.

Yours faithfully,

WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY

J. Hemery, Secretary.

PROTESTANT RELIGIONIST JOINS IN MISCHIEF

In the April issue of the "Holy Trinity Church (Brimscombe) Parish Magazine" the Rev. Ernest D. Panter published an attack on Jehovah's witnesses and amongst other things said that Jehovah's witnesses were "busily engaged in attempting to undermine the authority of the State." This defamatory statement was an outrage and immediately the WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY and the INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION jointly had their solicitors press for libel action against this brazen vicar. For the information of the public we now publish the correspondence on this matter.

Quotation from Solicitor's letter

"We have been consulted by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society and The International Bible Students Association with regard to a paragraph appearing on page two of the April issue of Holy Trinity Church (Brimscombe) Parish Magazine.

"The paragraph in question is headed 'Jehovah's witnesses' in heavy black type and in it the allegation is made that Jehovah's witnesses, who earlier in the paragraph are identified with our above mentioned clients, are 'busily engaged in attempting to undermine the authority of the State.'

"Our clients naturally cannot and do not object to being attacked on doctrinal points or scriptural issues, but to say of them that they are engaged in attempting to undermine the authority of the state is untrue and grossly defamatory of them. Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine a more serious libel, particularly at the present time.

"In these circumstances we are instructed that failing publication in the next issue of this magazine, and in a prominent position, of a retraction of the allegation complained of together with an apology, the whole to be in a form to be approved by us, and payment of our costs, proceedings for libel will at once be commenced against you.

"On hearing that you are prepared to comply with this demand we will forward you draft form of retraction and apology for insertion. Alternatively if you are not prepared to consent to the matter being dealt with in this way kindly refer us to solicitors who will accept service of process for libel on your behalf."

Well knowing that he had seriously libelled Jehovah's witnesses, the vicar paid ten guineas costs and the following was prominently published in the issue of his magazine.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES—AN APOLOGY

In our issue for April last we made reference to a sect founded by Judge Rutherford, variously known as Jehovah's Witnesses, International Bible Students Association and Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, and we asserted that Jehovah's witnesses were busily engaged in undermining the authority of the State.

We have since received a letter from solicitors instructed by the parties referred to in which the greatest exception is taken to the allegations referred to and which is strongly repudiated as entirely untrue.

We now unreservedly withdraw that allegation and offer our apologies to all the parties mentioned for having made it and express our regret for any pain and annoyance which its publication may have caused them.

OTHER EVIDENCE

In addition to the above two incidents there is an abundance of evidence available which has been published in previous issues of Kingdom News, and the two magazines of the Society, The Watchtower and Consolation. This evidence recorded and especially experienced during the past twenty years comprises of mob riots, personal assaults, breaking up of public Bible meetings, framing mischief by law, continued persecution in the courts, slander and libel in both the religious and secular press, and inquisitorial treatment, imprisonment and executions at the hands of the fanatical Nazi rulers in German occupied territory. This accumulative evidence spells the early doom of these wicked religious persecutors of Jehovah's witnesses.

BRING OUT THE RECORDS

The King of Persia, desiring to see justice administered, demanded the book of records he brought before him. (Esther 6:1) This examination exposed the false accuser Haman, a religionist, as the real enemy of the state while the accused Mordecai, one of Jehovah's witnesses, was vindicated. All Christians will now do well likewise to bring out the records of those who claim to be God's servants to judge which ones truly serve God.

The records of Jehovah's witnesses for 5,000 years are found unblemished in the Bible summarised at Hebrews 11 and exemplified completely in the life of Christ Jesus. Likewise today the record of Jehovah's witnesses is an open book registering uncompromising devotion to Jehovah's Kingdom, the heavenly government.

The records of religionists are written in human blood steeped in iniquity and wickedness. The record of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy for 1,500 years is full of treason, intrigue, crime, wars, wickedness and violence of every description. The dark ages and the inquisition are instances. "Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these." Jeremiah 2:34.

Let the people now decide whether they will stand with Jehovah's witnesses for truth, the open Bible, and receive salvation under God's Kingdom; or suffer the religionists to lead the people away from God into darkness and destruction.

REFUGEES

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